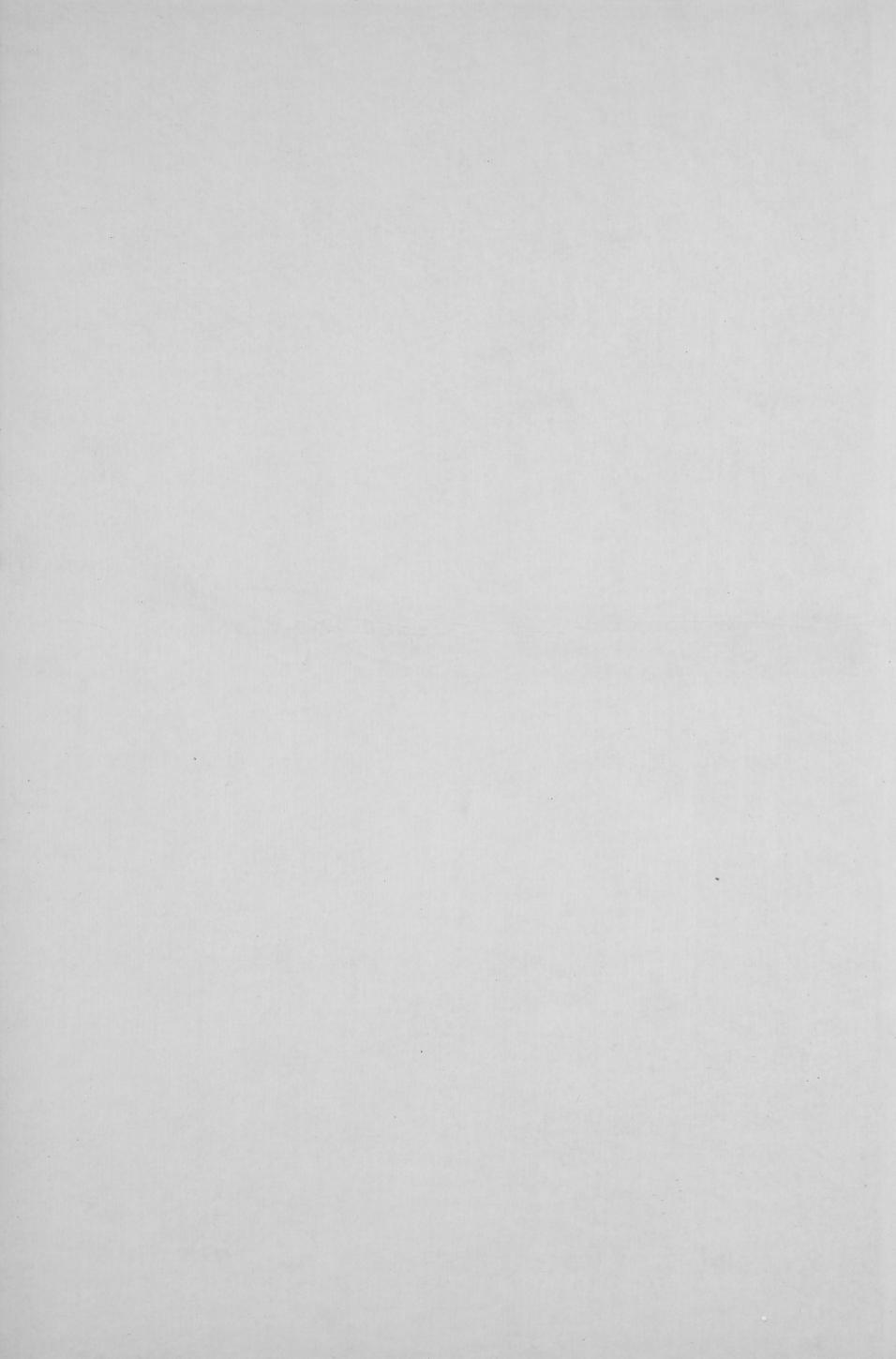
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# Newspaper May **Cease Publication**

### . . . It's Your Decision

by Eileen Peterson

As you will see by the year-end financial statements in this issue, this newspaper's expenses exceeded its income by \$7,428 in 1978 — in spite of the generous donations from many of you and the very small amount paid in

The Centre simply cannot afford this kind of loss.

When the Centre took the paper over almost two years ago, although there were other reasons as well, it was primarily because it was more economical

However, costs in every area continue to rise (postage will go up again in March), and the addressing equipment, which was so old, finally reached the stage where it was beyond repair and had to be replaced; we have done this on a lease basis.

There are other problems as

We have not been able to find anyone to do the newspaper on a part-time basis.

many reasons it hasn't worked out that way.

- I truly enjoy doing this newspaper, but with my many

### 1978 VIKING OF THE YEAR

The Board of Directors asks for your nomination for 1978 Viking of the Year.

The only qualification is that the nominee must have made some outstanding contribution in some way on behalf of the Scandinavian Centre.

Nominations must be received by February 20th.

other responsibilities, both personal and for the Centre, as well as a health problem, I can't continue to do so.

Many alternatives have been discussed, but the Board of Directors, as your representatives, must have your direction in this matter. A form is provided to make it more convenient for you to give your opinion. The Board urges you to return it promptly.

## 1978 VIKING OF THE YEAR

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#### THE CENTRE-

Things were really humming at the Centre during December; Borge Velling and the staff put in very long hours all month to prepare food for and serve a record number of party-goers.

The round dinner tables arrived and have been in use for over a month. These allow for much more convenient room arrangement and many favourable comments have been received.

#### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS-

It was a great disappointment when we had to cancel the New Year's Eve celebration.

So few reservations had been made by the deadline date that we couldn't go ahead with it.

This was just the last in a series of functions that we have tried to put on for our shareholders and have had to cancel. One very faithful group supports our efforts, but generally speaking, the rest of our local shareholders and lodge members couldn't care less.

The new Board of Directors is going to have to re-think policy in this regard very carefully. Each time we have to cancel it costs us money in deposits and printing at the very least. The interest in the dinner and dance on February 24th will be an important factor in making a decision on future policy.

#### CHARTER FLIGHTS-

You will also see on the year-end financial statement that Vera Nielsen has done it again! As Flight Director for the Centre she never fails to come up with a healthy profit! In addition to the \$5,211 which she turned over to the Centre, this newspaper receives a considerable amount from Vera for advertising the flights - an additional benefit which should not go unrecognized.

Our sincere thanks to a hard-working lady.

There will, of course, be flights again this year - see the back page for more details.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-

The annual meeting will be held on February 28th at the Centre.

In addition to a review of the year's operation and the election of officers, shareholders will be brought up to date on all aspects of the development program.

This year sees the term of office up for Eileen Peterson and Rudy Sund. Because they did not have time to attend meetings or do any work connected with Board responsibilities, Harry Mjaatveit and Sharon Sorenson are no longer Directors. And Doug Peterson was an appointed member during the past year.

So the Nominating Committee has a monumental task they have to find a minimum of five people who are interested enough to devote some time to serving as

If you are one of those people, or if you know anyone who is, please phone Per Nielsen at 454-5880.

#### CLUB VIKING-

A total of five people attended the Annual General Meeting of Club Viking on January 23rd.

For the time being the club has been laid to rest. It will remain inactive until such time as there is enough interest

We still think that it could have been a viable and fun society, but apparently not enough members shared that opinion — or if they did they never managed to overcome

#### SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS-

The front page says it all.

If we get only a small percentage of forms returned, that in itself will be a revealing consensus of whether this newspaper is important to our shareholders. Whatever happens — it will have been your decision.

### Board of Directors, March 1978

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# **VASA LODGE SKANDIA**

by Gertie Holmgren

WELCOME 1979!

I hope there are no broken New Year's resolutions yet! I didn't make any - I was too busy moving. 1979 finds me with a new way of life ...... Apartment living!

Since my last report there have been a lot of happenings.

At our November meeting the Charter was draped in memory of Rolph Granath who passed away on October 30, 1978. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his widow, Inga.

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Our Smorgasbord on October 28th was a great success, and both Erling Winquist and I thank everyone who helped in any way. Co-operation is what makes for success.

In late November and December a group of persons were busy rehearsing and presenting the Annual Lucia Pageant. Under the direction of Anne Sorensen the Festival of Light was better than ever!

On December 2nd the group joined with a number of people from the Scandinavian Community at I.T.V. to tape A Scandinavian Christmas for viewing on December 17th. It was a very heart-warming presentation.

On December 3rd the group visited the Art Gallery; several other ethnic groups were present and visitors were treated to Christmas baking from the various countries,

Edmonton, Alberta

At our regular meeting on December 4th the group favoured us with their presentation of the Lucia Pageant.

On December 16th they visited the University Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, and Edmonton Centre.

The congregation of Augustana Lutheran Church had a treat when the 'Queen of Light' and her attendants arrived during the coffee hour on December 17th.

This year Marie Louise Sorensen was our very lovely 'Queen of Light'. Others taking part in the Festival of Light were Margaretha Burnett, Karen Eliasson, Kristina Nyroos, Sandra Petersson, Jennifer Banks, Sophie and Katherine and Camilla Erickson, and Lena Jonsson.

Star Boys were Kent, Michael and Anders Sorensen, Charles and Alexander Burnett, Trevor Nyroos, Bjorn Erickson.

Two fetching little tomtar were also part of the group; they were Curtis Banks and Sheila Eliasson.

A very special thank you to Anne Sorensen from Skandia No. 549 for again doing such an excellent job.

In Vasa we feel the tug of our

It adds to our Swedish culture a

To commemorate this year we've

religion and working ability

And put down stakes for a cabin

There was land to break, stock

build when the country was

to raise, so much to do, A bouse to raise, a church to

for their family.

Scandinavian descent

great deal of accent.

Others who helped were Katarina Burnett who made Star Boy hats, and Anneli Erickson, as well as the parents who chauffeured the group to each presentation.

A very special thank you to all of you.

On December 10th a Christmas pot-luck supper was held at the Scandinavian Centre.

It was well attended by adults but there were very few youngsters present.

A special film for the juveniles was shown by Glen Eliasson; the grown-ups thoroughly enjoyed them. Thanks, Glen!

Santa arrived with goodies and a dance around the Christmas tree was enjoyed by all.

Winnie and Oscar Pearson spent the Christmas holidays at Vancouver with their daughter, Rita, and son-in-law Bob Brown.

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Audrey and Glen Eliasson and their three children spent Christmas and New Year's at White Rock, B.C., with Margaret and Bert Lundgren.

During the holidays Ruth Bergquist was visited by her cousin's son, Jack Gillman, and

The children were reared often in a shack of one room,

Where the churn was busy and the woof and warp of the

Their hard labour brought them a measure of success,

A lot of back-breaking work, but much happiness.

For in this new land they found a sense of permanence,

The challenge of a future and a chance for advance. The sturdiness and high intelli-

gence of the Swedish men And the bumour and resourceful-

ness of their beautiful women Wove a tapestry of life intensely interesting

Something we of Vasa feel deserves commemorating.

Our Lodge was formed in April of 1928

By many interested Scandinavi-

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**MEETING CREEK** 

dedicated and all We were glad to welcome the

On September 9th Meeting

One we had looked forward to

with great anticipation,

for a special occasion

was made official

Creek and District gathered

big crowd that came On that bright, sunny Saturday there was no rain.

There were dignitaries there from far and wide

Our Swedish Ambassador and bis wife who in Ottawa abide. Horst Schmid was there with his wide smile

And Pastor Kruger with his beard came many a mile.

M.L.A. Stromberg bonoured us

And belped with the unveilingfor me and for you. Linnea Lodge was there; she

bad spent a lot of time With the Heritage Council to instigate the sign.

We Swedes of Alberta were proud at the sight Of the Canadian and Swedish

flags unfurled at the site. The bundreds of interested people who attended that day Were a big part of the celebration in their special way.

Our Vasa Lodge is celebrating its 50th year,

A mark we uphold with a great deal of cheer.

Of the bundreds we were, we're now just a small part

But nevertheless faithful and strong of beart.



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his wife from Ontario.

I had a letter from Betty Pearson of Vancouver. She asked me to thank all those nice persons for the lovely party before their departure for the coast. -

They're adjusting to the damp climate and have had several visitors from Edmonton which they've enjoyed. \*\*\*\*

At our December meeting a moment's silence was observed in memory of the late John Holmlund, Past District Master and Past Grand Lodge Deputy, who passed away December 27.

Installation of officers took place. For 1979 they are as follows:

Chairman-Ray Nyroos

Vice-Chairman-Ken Banks Recording Secretary-Doreen Nyroos Assistant Recording Secretary-Beulah Hinton Treasurer-

Linnea Lodge Financial Secretary-Jane Wold Assistant Financial Secretary-Ed Hinton

Chaplain-Martha Kay

Master of Ceremonies-Glen Hallin

Assistant Master of Ceremonies-Des Desautels

Inner Guard-Herman Nelson

Outer Guard-Milton Fawcett Culture Leader-

Gertrude Holmgren

Minnie Erik Engvall and Markstrom received buttons for obtaining new members, and Gertrude Holmgren received a Past President's Pin for serving. three years as Culture Leader.

Harold and Lulu Lundgren of Kamloops, B.C., left on January 8th for a two-week holiday in Hawaii.

Deepest sympathies are extended to Doreen Melan and Gary Melander on the death of their mother, Annie Melander,

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who passed away on November 24, 1978.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, in the Dania Room.

The February meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be at the home of Oscar and Winnie Pearson on Saturday, February 17th, 13208 - 135 Street.

The March meeting will be at Beulah and Ed Hinton's home on March 17th.

#### ANNIE MELANDER PASSES

Annie Melander, who passed away on November 24, 1978, was a warm, outgoing person, and a lady with a keen mind, a great sense of humour, and great determination.

She was a great influence on my life, and convinced me that I could do things that I was positive I couldn't.

I was very proud when, a few weeks before her 66th birthday, she acquired her driver's license.

She and her husband, Sig, lived on the farm at Westerose for over 30 years, and their door was always open to friends and neighbours.

Annie will be missed by many - especially by her three Daren of Stony Plain, Clarence of Delaware, U.S.A., and Gary of Westerose, their families, and me. Her husband predeceased her in 1977.

I feel fortunate to have had her for a sister for 61 years.

On November 24, 1978, she died quietly in her sleep; she will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

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# SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS

by Molly Cooper

Congratulations! Mr. and Mrs. Ken Reitan are rejoicing in the arrival of their first grandchild - Randall James - born November 29, 1978, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hubble (daughter Wendy).

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nielsen enjoyed Christmas at Kelowna, B.C., with friends.

Gary and Evelyn Johnson and family spent New Year's with Evelyn's mother and family at Delmas, Saskatchewan.

Del and Doreen Melsness' family spent Christmas with them this year.

Off on a Caribbean Cruise in January are the eleven Melsness

family (nine brothers and two sisters) along with their families.

Marina Hope has returned to Richmond, B.C., after an extended visit with Astrid and John Hope.

Francis and Louis Tagseth of Princeton, B.C., were recent weekend visitors with their sister and her husband, Astrid and

John Hope.

Knut and Rose Svidal and family enjoyed skiing at Banff at New Year's in the company of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ness.

Mrs. Irene Hovde is a patient in the Royal Alexandra Hospital; hope you will soon be home feeling better.

employee relationships and pro-

viding alternatives for improve-

ment in resolving disputes; Al-

berta is the only province which

has embarked on such a pro-

gram. He said that it is essential

that labour and management,

supported by guidelines, measure

up to the task.

# **TORSKE KLUBBEN HOSTS** LADIES

by Ken Domier

Close to 100 members and quests were present for the December meeting as Torske Klubben members played hosts to the

The well-organized, most enjoyable evening was the result of the hard work and planning of Boss Ellsworth Halberg. Following the cocktail hour the group sat to a delicious feast of cod steaks complemented by cream sauce and butter. The tables were covered with bright red tablecloths and were graced with white wine; akavit was also served. Many laughs were provided by members' witty tall stories.

Guest of honour for the evening was Mayor Cec Purves who was accompanied by his wife. Cec was the guest speaker, and he painted a very rosy picture of Edmonton and the surrounding district. It was only during the question period that problems became obvious, but the Mayor adopted a bright and optimistic outlook in all his answers.

Harv Haugen introduced four members of the Gold Diggers, a barbershop quartet, of Edmonton, whose entertainment was thoroughly enjoyable.

Astrid Hope was present with her colourful Norwegian camp craft display; Torske members sponsor the annual Language and Cultural Summer Camp, and all ere pleased with the visual evidence of this worth-while

The full program was wrapped up with a cheer for Boss Ellsworth and his executive. Ken Domier accepted the post of Boss for 1979 and promised good, entertaining meetings for the coming year, including a number of surprises.

Not to miss the excellent November meeting, the gathering included forty members and guests and the usual excellent fish dinner.

Guest speaker L.G. Leclair spoke of his part in collective bargaining and the Anti-Inflation Board under the Labour Management Branch. He stated that the Department works for a better understanding of employer-

Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Shaver, daughter Louise Hand, and granddaughter Christina, spent Christmas and New Year's in

Forty-five relatives and friends were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hafso for their Christmas Get-To-"Annual gether". Christmas food and fellowship, along with a Carol Sing, followed the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Trev Hafso and daughter Dawn, from Regina, enjoyed the Christmas Holidays at the home of Trev's parents, Stan and Min Hafso.

Molly Cooper enjoyed Christmas with her three brothers and their families at Viking, Alberta.

Ragna Sivertsen spent Christmas with her two sons in Calgary.

Miss Ruth Hammerstad died on November 8, 1978, at Hythe, Alberta.

Ruth joined Sons of Norway, Solglyt Lodge No. 143, when it was re-organized in 1928 and remained a member until her death. She moved to Hythe two years ago.

She was predeceased by one brother.

BOWLING-

The Bowling League saw the finish of the first half of the with the following winners:

Fiords Captain - Al Letendre Second-

Vikings Captain Bob McNaughton

Northern Lights Captain Nels - Nels Skarbo

Men's High Single-Peter Hansen Ladies' High Single-**Doreen Melsness** Men's High Triple-Peter Hansen Ladies' High Triple-**Ethel George** 

Next month's correspondent is BOB BURT - phone 423-5054.

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# **CULTURAL CORNER**

by Astrid Hope **Cultural Director** Sons of Norway

On October 24th the Freeloaders played at Elmwood Lodge and on November 14th at Meadowlark Lodge. They to 'come back were urged soon'.

On a repeat request from the manager of Bonnie Doon Mall they also performed a program of Norwegian Christmas Carols on December 12th.

On December 15th they presented their 'Christmas Cabaret' at Dr. Angus McGugan.

During the month of December the Four Seasons Hotel displayed five Christmas trees, each decorated in the traditional manner of a different country -German, Mexican, Finnish, Norwegian and Danish. The Norwegian tree was decorated by our Cultural Director. Hope many of you got to see them.

On December 2nd each of

the Scandinavian groups celebrated Christmas at C.I.T.V. for showing on December 17th.

Janette Burt very capably set up a beautiful table with Norwegian Christmas dinner and was interviewed by Bill Jackson.

Astrid Hope helped with table decorations and some baking for the event.

The Freeloaders supplied the music for the show.

The Norwegian ship had been out to sea for three long weeks. Finally one morning the captain called the crew together and announced, "I bave some good news and some bad news for you today.

First, the good news-you are going to get a change of under-

And now the bad news-Lars, you change with Hans-Pete, you change with Ole-Sven, you change with Per ......

# LETTER FROM OSLO



### HASLE SKOLE MUSIKKORPS

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28. september 1978.

Sons of Norway, Edmonton

We will in this way thank you so very much for the nice evening you gave us on June the 28th.

It was just too bad that the heat gave us so much trouble, but we will not forget it anyway. We are very proud of the Sons of Norway in Edmonton.

We are also very gratefull for the gift that was presented to us.

Yours very truly Frank Gjef

# Lutefisk - They Came From Far and Wide!!

Edmonton, Alberta

by Bob Burt

Sons of Norway broke even on their Lutefisk Supper in November - but it was a whopping success in the way that counted most - the number of people who came out and enjoyed the traditional Norwegian feast!

The 4:30 sitting was sold out and the 6:30 sitting was very well attended; a total of 390 adults and 10 children sat down

Roy Swanburg, President of District 4, and Ed Ness, International Director, both of Calgary, along with their wives, joined us for the supper, as well as many other guests from far and wide.

The display downstairs was exceptional - as usual, Astrid Hope had brought her fine collection of Norwegian crafts to the Centre - and a hand-hooked Scandinavian rug completed the

The entertainment was excellent: The Finnish dance team gave a most colourful performance; the Camrose junior dancers were a pleasure to watch; and our ever-popular Freeloaders were received with a great deal of enthusiasm.

Norwegian-style music downstairs added much, and slides of Sons of Norway's Language and Cultural Camp, as well as various trips, shown by Bea Huser, put the finishing touch on a thoroughly enjoyable affair.



Hand-hooked Norwegian Rug



Lutefisk Supper with Roy Swanberg and Ed Ness in the foreground



The Finnish Dancers entertain at Lutefisk

# **Polynesian Delight Annual Party**

by Bob Burt

Plans for Sons of Norway's popular Kon-Tiki Nite are well underway.

Heading the function this year are Norm and Gwen Legaarden and Per and Sandra Nielsen. Any help in the planning, decorating, entertaining or promoting will be greatly ap-

The date set for Kon-Tiki Nite is Saturday, March 17th (Irishmen welcome!)

Dancing in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre commences at 9:00 p.m. A Luau Lunch is to be served at 11:30.

We promise you will thoroughly enjoy the floor-show entertainment.

Come in Hawaiian garb for the Polynesian greeting at the door; ladies will receive corsages and gentlemen will be welcomed

with the traditional leie.

Fruit punch will be served for openers. The hall will be decorated in South Sea Island motif.

The exciting door prize will be dinner for two at the new Hotel Vega operated by Jan and Else Grude.

Spot dances will be held, and a prize will be won by the bestdressed couple.

Tickets may be obtained from Sandra Nielsen - 454-5880.

### **HOTEL VEGA**

Else and Jan Grude purchased the Mayfair Hotel at 108 Street and Jasper Avenue in August of

Mr. Grude informs us that since that date the following renovation program has been completed:

**68 Guest Rooms** Cafe Camille Terra Cotta Lounge Grieg Dining Lounge

Lobby Area He also tells us that this spring will see further renovations consisting of-

77 Guest Rooms The Longboat Pub

The Norseman Tavern and that the summer months will see a face-lifting of the entire building.

The Grudes extend a warm welcome to visitors at their new HOTEL VEGA.

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# ANNUAL PARTY

The annual Christmas party for Sons of Norway members and friends was held on December 17th in the Nordic Room.

Harvey Haugen led everyone in a group sing-song with a 'choir' consisting of the young members. Leigh Haugen read a short poem, and Gail Peterson read about Christmas in Norway.

Our Queen, Miss Jennifer Christensen, and our President, Gary Johnson, sang a song about Lutefisk,

A special visit from Santa Claus was greeted by songs and cheers. Candy was distributed to the youngsters.

A pot luck supper followed, complete with the traditional rice porridge. The lucky almond was found by Miss Christina Hand, and Mrs. Astrid Hope presented her with the marzipan

Although only a small group attended, everyone had fun and lots to eat, of course!

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# Ragaland Kaffelag

Astrid Hope Cultural Director Solglyt Lodge, Sons of Norway

On November 8th, following the initiation of about 12 new members, a Rogaland Kaffelag had been arranged by Astrid Hope and Molly Cooper. Unfortunately, because of illness Molly was unable to attend, so Astrid acted as hostess.

A wide variety of displays representing the Rogaland area was shown, including a replica of Haraldstotten, Stavanger wallhanging, and Rogaland rosemaling.

The Rogaland area is at the south-western tip of Norway

#### Numerous Fjords-

The Rogaland area is a district at the south-western tip of Norway facing the North Sea. The eastern boundary disappears into the mountains.

It consists of numerous

fjords on the west — Akrafjord, which has wild and scenic valleys; Saudafjord; fascinating Lysefjorden, which was the subject of Victor Hugo's fantastic tale of Norwegian wilderness (*Les travailleurs de la Mer*, 1866). Here the mountain slopes rise vertically 2,000 to 3,000 feet up from the narrow fjord and form the fabulous main formations of Prestestolen (Pulpit) and Hafsfjord, near Stavanger.

#### Island-Studded Coast-

Around the sea-port of Haugesund (believed to be built on a bed of herrings) is the marvellous panorama of the islandstudded coast. This is the ancient Viking Land, with the Harold Monument commemorating the unification of Norway - where King Harold Haarfagre (Fairhaired) fought the last fierce battle in 872. Haugesund has been the centre of seafairing activities since the Viking days, and the scene of dramatic events in Norse history.

Dear to the heart of all sealoving Norwegians are the annual Fish Festivals held on a number of the islands off Haugesund.

#### First Norwegian Settlement-

And it was from Tysvar, near Haugesund, that Cleng Peerson, the 'Father of the Emigration', in 1825 organized the historic voyage of 52 emigrants to America; they founded the first Norwegian settlement there — Kendall — in New York State, and later Fox River in Illinois.

Their voyage led to succeeding waves of emigrants from Norway. Hundreds of thousands of Norsemen followed in their wake to the New World and developed many Norwegian communities throughout the land—

perhaps one of our own ancestors came with that surge! The 150th Anniversary of that first voyage was celebrated in 1975.

#### Important Sea-Port-

Further south is another seaport — one of the most important in the world! Stavanger.

Several great ocean liners had their beginnings here, and Stavanger is an important junction offering connections with the different parts of the world.

The town is over 800 years old. It contains several famous historical buildings. Arriving in the harbour everyone can see Valbergtarnet (the old watch tower). In the olden days when an enemy was spotted approaching from the sea, or if a fire had started in the medieval town with its narrow streets and wooden houses, warning was given from the tower with cannon

shots. This Valberg tower is now a picturesque and interesting information office for tourists, and provides an excellent view of the town.

You climb a quaint, winding staircase, and with each floor you pass you see more and more of the town — the harbour, the fjords, and the mountains.

Another look-out point is Ullanhaug where you can see in all directions — towards the south the flat and rich agricultural landscape of Jaeren; towards the west the North Sea and Hafrsfjord; towards the east and north more fjords and the distant mountains.

The Stavanger Cathedral, another remarkable edifice dating back to the 12th Century, and virtually unchanged, was built in romanesque style by Reinald, the first bishop, who came from England, In 1272 it was damaged by fire and repaired. A magnificent choir loft was built in Gothic style, so this Cathedral is a charming mixture of two types of architecture. It has seen good and bad times plaque and poverty. Recent restorations, with careful regard for old traditions, have undoubtedly enhanced the ancient glories of one of Norway's most beautiful medieval Even Stavanger people who had emigrated to America sent large donations to re-decorate the church between 1939 and 1942.

#### Residence of Kings-

Another unforgettable building is the Utstein Monastery situated in the very centre of the numerous islands of Ryfylke.

This was a residence which belonged to Norwegian Kings. From here they could rule and dominate this important part of the country.

Before that time the forefathers of the Vikings carved their strange signs in stones and rocks in this location.

On its 700th anniversary in 1975 the Monastery was restored; the original structure still stands. The magnificent closed yards bring memories of the monks walking quietly under the arches and over the worn paving stones.

The Monastery was later used as a residence for noblemen.

The main floor has fine, baroque furniture, and the drawing room furniture is in the style of Louis XVI. There are 30 bedrooms in the attic.

The choir was restored, and the chapel is a splendid ecclesiastical edifice, the parallel of which can be found only in Scotland.

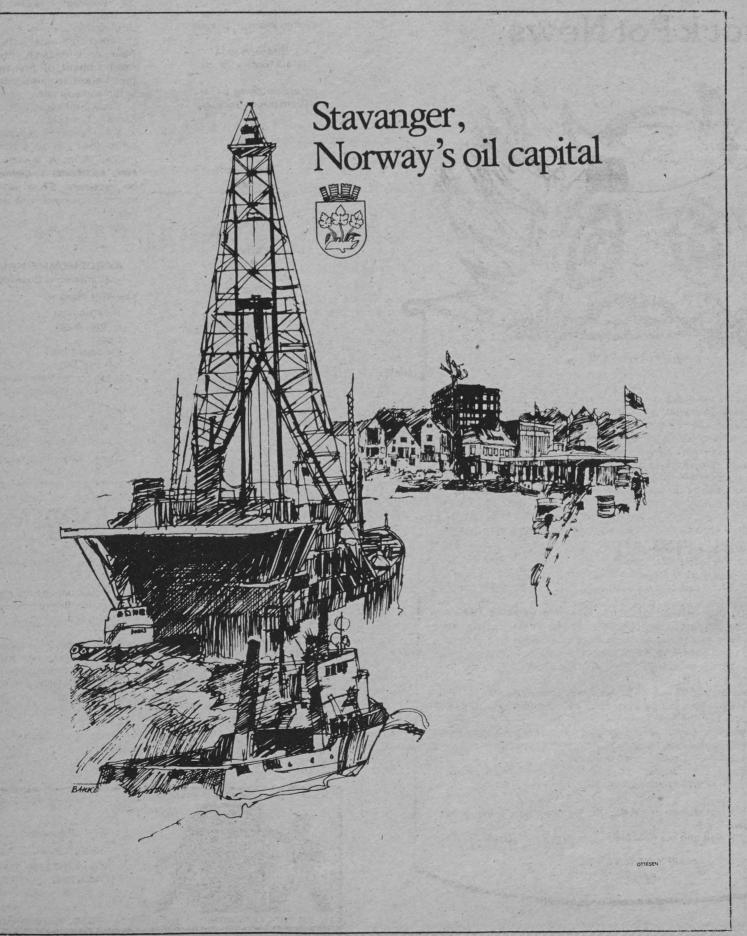
Utstein Monastery is the gem of the fjords, the pride of Ryfylke. It has defied the centuries with its message of eternity in the solid walls and faint sound of bells.

#### Close Contact with Old Ways-

One can't go to Stavanger without spending a day at the 'Market Place' — the wonderful horn of plenty is bulging with flowers, fruit and vegetables — the catch from the sea and the crops from the land — hand-knit sweaters and thick woollen

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underwear.

#### Oil Capital-

Since 1975, when oil was discovered, the town tries to keep the oil tiger on a leash. In the barbershops the popular talk is oil money. As Edmonton is in Alberta, Stavanger is the oil capital of Norway.

But the North Sea oil has brought a social conundrum to traditionally conservative Norway. One day she will be the richest industrial nation in the world on a per capita basis with the accompanying threat of the destruction of the slow, relaxed, contemplative lifestyle.

#### World-Wide Market for Fish-

Stavanger has an outstanding world-wide reputation for the processing of such fish products as sardines, herrings, fish-balls, roe, under the brand-name of 'King Oscar'.

#### Famous China-

South of Stavanger is the little town of Figgjo, home of the manufacture and export of famous china and oven-ware. Two of the happiest and most popular patterns are Lotte and Market Square, both depicting a closeness to nature as seen by the enchanting characters, flowers and birds which grace the china.

#### Wealth of Tradition-

Edmonton, Alberta

Like every other district of Norway, Rogaland has its special and varied 'Bunads'

Right up to the 1870's new types and forms were created from time to time, the result being that they are invested with a wealth of tradition.

The costumes of the West Country have black and white as their predominant colours, giving the costume an austere and solemn appearance. The costume is embroidered with unbroken red, yellow and green; the colour scheme is almost purely herald-

The every-day costume is more vivid and displays character and contrast, and harmonizes perfectly with the surroundings the pale skirts merging imperceptibly with the blue sea and golden grainfields. In days gone by it was a picturesque sight to see women in their white skirts washing their clothes in the stream beneath the willows.

For the Rogaland Kaffelag

Astrid Hope wore her costume which was made up from a kit sent by a relative from Aalgaard, near Stavanger. (Incidentally, Husfliden in Stavanger is a specialty shop for all bunads.) Molly Cooper's 'Hverdag' costume (from Eggersund) in striped blue was on display.

For lunch open-face sandwiches featured-King Oscar sardines, herrings, and liskepudding; krumkaker was served with the

### Hans Christian **Anderson Castle**

A few members of Hans Christian Andersen's admirers have joined together in a project which will open on the author's birthday - April 2, 1979; they are changing the Lake Pavilion, which was erected for the World's Fair in Copenhagen in 1888, into a Hans Christian Andersen castle. On the second floor they will feature a theatre, mostly for children, where actors will play his fairytales.



# Scandinavian Kitchen Corner

SIMPLE DINNER

(Norwegian)

Röket Fisk (Smoked Fish au Gratin)

Biff Kaker med Saus (Meat Balls with Gravy)

> Kokte Poteter (Boiled Potatoes)

Stuede Snittebönner (String Beans in Butter)

Blaabærsoppa (Huckleberry Soup)

Kardemomme Kaker (Cardamom Cookies)

> ÖII (Beer)

Vin (Wine)

Vaud (Water)

Kaffe (Coffee)

The (Tea)

#### RÖKET FISK (Smoked Fish au Gratin)

You Will Need-

2 tsp. butter 3 lbs. smoked white fish

1/8 tsp. pepper

1/4 tsp. salt

2/3 cup heavy cream

(more if needed) 2 or 3 tbsp. dry bread crumbs

(optional)

2 tbsp. butter

Butter generously a flat baking dish. Skin and bone the smoked fish carefully. Do not break the two sides, or fillets.

Lay them in a baking dish, rinkle a little pepper fish and pour cream over the whole. Do not let it come up over the fish.

If desired, sprinkle bread crumbs over the top and dot with a little butter.

Bake in a hot oven (400 -425 deg. F.) about 10 minutes, or until the top is golden brown. Serves 6 to 8.

BLAABAERSOPPA (Huckleberry Soup)

You Will Need-

2 qts. water 1 cup sugar

1/4 lemon rind, sliced very thin

31/2 cups huckleberries or

blueberries

2 tbsp. cold water

4 tsp. potato flour OR 1 tbsp. cornstarch

1/16 tsp. salt

Whipped cream (optional)

Combine water, sugar, vellow part of lemon rind, and huckleberries. Bring to a boil and cook until berries are soft.

Blend cold water with potato flour or cornstarch. Stir in a small amount of first mixture, then return to remaining berry liquid and add salt.

Cook until slightly thickened. Serve hot or cold.

After cooking the berries in syrup they can be drained and mashed through a sieve. However, additional thickening will be necessary. Soup with fruit strained is served with whipped cream.

Serves 6 to 8.

#### KARDEMOMME KAKER (Cardamom Cookies)

You Will Need-

1/4 cup butter

7 tbsp. sugar

1 egg

11/4 cups flour

1/8 tsp. salt

½ tsp. cardamom seeds, finely pounded and

crushed

11/2 tsp. baking powder

Additional flour, if necessary

2 tbsp. almonds, shaved thin

Cream butter and sugar, beat

in egg and stir well. Sift flour with the dry in-

gredients and add to butter mixture. This should make a stiff dough, but if not stiff enough to handle on board, add a little more flour.

Allow to stand in a very cold place for 1 hour.

Roll out part of the dough at a time on a floured board. Roll very thin and cut in squares and rounds.

Brush tops of cookies with milk and sprinkle with almonds.

Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in moderately hot oven (375 - 400 deg. F.) for 9 to 10 minutes or until light golden coloured.

Yields from 11/2 to 2 dozen cookies.

Stock Pot News



We made it through December without any complaints or problems! For those who know what a 130-hour work week is, and the facilities we have to work with, I think you must admit that it is pretty good to

serve 5,337 full meals in a four-week period. Many people have already booked for 1979, so if you plan a Christmas

party please hurry - there are not many days available. Looking back to what happened last Christmas we can only be happy that we tripled the turnover.

We served a lot of food in December; some of the most popular items

1.372 Smorgasbords

1,169 Roast Beef Dinners

594 Turkey Dinners

513 Roast Duckling Dinners

Hopefully YOU, the SHAREHOLDERS, will help us make 1979 a success by attending the parties we try so hard to put on for you. We can please the people who attend banquets, so trust us - when we put on a function it's going to be good!

BUT WE NEED YOUR INTEREST AND ATTENDANCE!

"My God," Eileen said, "Could you do that today?"

Jens was celebrating his 95th birthday and was interviewed by Eileen Peterson. Jens told about his young days when he used to travel all over the world with a circus as 'the Snakeman'

"When I was young I could bend backwards and pick up a handkerchief with my teeth," said Jens.

and pick up my teeth with a handkerchief." The uncle to his fat nephew - "Well, Ole, what are you going to be

"Are you kidding," Jens laughed, "I'm lucky if I can bend forwards

when you get bigger?" Ole - "I think I'll wait and see how big I get before I tell you!"

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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# **SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE**

# Co-operative Association Ltd.

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1978 (with comparative figures for 1977)

ASSETS	1070	1077	LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' E	QUITY	
Current Assets	1978	1977	Current Liabilities	1978	1977
Cash on hand Deposit receipts	\$ 19,003	\$ 3,316 5,027	Bank loans (Note 2) Accounts payable and	\$ 22,000	\$ 11,650
Accounts receivable - trade - Club Viking Inventory of supplies - at cost	6,178 2,201 3,386	15,298	accrued charges  Deposits on future rentals and food services	9,938	3,626 8,441
Inventory of land Prepaid expenses and advances	7,000 5,648	7,000 2,973	Total Current Liabilities	\$ 40,048	\$ 23,717
Total Current Assets	\$ 43,416	\$ 36,702	Shareholders' Equity		
Fixed Assets — At Cost  Land Building Furniture and Fixtures  Less: Accumulated Depreciation (Note 1)	\$ 10,000 145,766 71,437 \$227,203 113,012	\$ 10,000 140,132 58,516 \$208,648 98,580	Share Capital: Authorized: Unlimited number of shares at \$50.00 each Funds received from shares issued and subscribed Retained earnings (deficit)  Net Shareholders' Equity	\$167,828 ( 50,269) \$117,559	\$167,928 ( 44,875) \$123,053
Net Fixed Assets	\$114,191 \$157,607	\$110,068 \$146,770	Total Liabilities and Shareholders Equity	\$157,607	\$146,770

#### STATEMENT OF BANQUET AND HALL INCOME

For the Year ended December 31, 1978 (with comparative figures for 1977)

(with comparative figures	for 19//)	
the states one and a substance of the state	1978	1977
Revenue		
Food services Corkage Meetings Commissions - catering Sundry	\$194,179 22,105 4,695  1,610 \$222,589	\$104,110 18,646 28,007 7,642 6,038 \$164,443
Expenses		•
Food purchases Wages - kitchen and banquet Kitchen supplies Advertising	\$ 62,306 39,508 10,296 3,539	\$ 36,223 35,690 9,474 2,895
Bank charges and interest Building maintenance and janitor Car allowance, travel Depreciation	2,427 18,634 1,937 14,432	1,069 9,413 444 12,567
Equipment maintenance Miscellaneous Insurance Mix and ice	1,126 703 2,744 4,651	1,946  2,193 4,834
Office and stationery Administrative salaries Property and business tax, licenses Utilities, telephone	3,878 32,919 10,554 8,719	2,510 18,623 11,371 -6,765
Casual labour Workers' compensation Equipment rentals	42 762 94	12,709 569 ———
Net Operating income (loss)	\$219,271	\$169,295  (\$ 4,852)

#### SUMMARY OF INCOME AND DEFICIT

For the Year ended December 31, 1978 (with comparative figures for 1977)

	1978	1977
Income		
Banquet and hall rentals Interest Charter flights Scandapades Transfer fees Lottery revenue Sundry Insurance recovery	\$ 3,318 323 5,211 147 65  32 4,221 \$ 13,317	\$ 222 4,118 661 125 12,058  \$ 17,184
Expenditures_	in in the second second	7
Banquet and hall rentals Meetings Scandinavian Centre News Social and cultural events - other Administrative and general expenses Architects fees Centre development	\$ 689 7,428 237 2,610  7,747 \$ 18,711	\$ 4,852 643 4,753 547 536 4,140  \$ 15,471
Net Income (loss)	\$ 5,394	\$ 1,713
Deficit January 1	44,875	46,588
Deficit December 31	\$ 50,269	\$ 44,875

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

For the Year ended December 31, 1978 (with comparative figures for 1977)

	1978	1977
Source of Funds:		
Shares issued and subscribed Increase in accounts payable and	\$ 650	\$ 1,050
deposits on future rentals  Net income (loss)from operations  Add depreciation which does not	5,981 ( 5,394)	3,145 1,713
require an outlay of funds	14,432	12,567
	\$ 15,669	\$ 18,475
Application of funds:		
Purchase of fixed assets Shares redeemed Increase (decrease) in other assets	\$ 28,555 750 ( 3,946)	\$ 10,371 1,200 22,711
	\$ 15,359	\$ 34,282
Decrease in Funds	\$ 310	\$ 15,807
Funds on hand (deficit) at beginning of year	(3,307)	12,500
Funds on Hand (Deficit) at end of Year	(\$ 2,997)	(\$ 3,307)
Represented by—		
Cash on hand and in bank Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 19,003	\$ 3,316 5,027
	\$ 19,003	\$ 8,343
Deduct bank loans	22,000	11,650
	(\$ 2,997)	(\$ 3,307)

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ans at that date.

It was very active in this community

And was a reason for get-togethers by the families.

There were ball games and borse shoes clanging loudly

And chicken suppers - and lutefisk suppers smelling proudly. In '35 the Lodge built their very own ball

Which was used for some years by the community and all.

It was rented for gold and silver weddings, and farewells,

X-ray clinics, benefit evenings too, I bear tell.

Our Lodge in the beginning was completely Swedish

The language at the time was more popular than English.

But now our Canadian education bas come to the fore

And now we find we speak Sweless often than before

dish less often than before. At the end of the '60's our ball

too often stood empty And was scarcely used by our

committee.

So when we got a good offer it was time to sell,

It was bought by the county and serves them well.

We still have faith in our Scandinavian ancestry

And have not lost the pull of our beritage of the Old Country. Here is a secret - I like being a

Swede It really is all the recommenda-

tion you ever need. If you say your background is Swedish, if anyone should ask

It connotes to the asker that you'll tackle any task.

It means you can be relied on to be as good as your word,

That you take pride in doing a good day's work.

Now my nationality is Canadian, the same as yours,

It is something to be proud of if

we make it work. It's the way of living and to trust

your fellow man, To be kind to your neighbour

and belp bim all you can. We live in Canada, so we are indeed Canadians,

But I feel a warmth when I say my background is Scandinavian.

Our membership was large when our Lodge was new,

But it has fallen greatly no matter what we do.

We are pleased to say we have some young people who have joined of late

We feel encouraged and think

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1978

Depreciation has been provided on the straight method at the following rates per annum:

Furniture and Fixtures - . 10%

Bank loans are secured by a chattel mortgage on certain equipment items and deposit receipts.

# **Notice of Motion**

TAKE NOTICE that the following motion will be brought before the membership at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Wednesday, February 28, 1979, at the Scandinavian Centre, 14220 -125 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta:

WHEREAS the construction of a new building and the disposition of our present property, along with the changed aspect of our operation, will require expertise in many

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that committees be appointed to deal with specific areas and bring recommendations to the Board of Directors;

AND WHEREAS the appointment of such committees will remove much of the work-load from the Board of

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association Limited be reduced from eleven (11) to seven (7).

it's first-rate.

We can proudly say two Charter members with us have remained,

They are Helen Pearson and 95-year-old Willie Oberg by

We appreciate their fortitude at this time as we say-

It's grand to be together as we celebrate our 50th birthday.

For this year many of us our Swedish costumes have made

And at several occasions in them we were arrayed.

At this time to the Cultural Heritage Council we would like to pay tribute

They have done so much to make this day come about. To the speakers at that time we

remember too,

The celebration went well because of you.

For when I saw the road sign and all the people who came I remember the Swedish Pioneers of Alberta, and I think they laboured not in vain.

> -- RUBY BERGSTROM Vasa Lodge Norden No. 513 Meeting Creek, Alberta



If you are a resident of Canada but not a Canadian citizen and you plan to be outside the country for more than 183 days in any 12-month period, you may need a Returning

Resident Permit to come back into Canada. Ask for details at any Canadian immigration office in Canada or in the country you are visiting.



# 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

by Anja Sahuri

The Finnish Society of Edmonton celebrated their 25th Anniversary on November 4, 1978, in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre.

The room was simply decorated with blue candles and blue and white carnations on white tablecloths. Both Canadian and Finnish flags, along with a large '25', decorated the wall.

Cocktail hour, courtesy of Mr. Kurt Baier, began at 6:30 p.m. when guests started to arrive. The President, Mr. Pentti Sipari, and Mrs. Sipari welcomed the guests.

Special guests included Mrs. Catherine Chichak, M.L.A. Edmonton Norwood, representing the Government of Alberta, and Mr. Chichak; Mr. Arne Johannessen, Consul of Norway, and Mrs. Johannessen; Mr. Donn Larsen, Consul of Denmark, and

from the Danish Journal

The late Robert Storm Petersen — "Storm P." to his adoring Danish public — is regarded by some as the father of Danish humour. (Sample: What do you think of the world situation? Haven't a clue . . . there's something in my eye.) Now, 28 years after his death, a museum has been opened in honour of the

humourist in Frederiksberg in the west of Copenhagen.

by the whole Danish nation,

Storm P. was/is so peculiarly

Danish in outlook that no successful attempt has ever been made to share his special talent with foreign audiences — except for other Scandinavian countries.

His literary collections — 40,000 drawings and paintings

Artist, writer, cartoonist, satirist, pipe-collector, and loved

Mrs. Larsen; Mr. Carlos Pechtel, Consul of Bolivia, and Mrs. Pechtel; His Worship Mayor Cec Purves and Mrs. Purves; Reverend James Kruger and Mrs. Kruger; Mr. Per Nielsen, President of the Scandinavian Centre, and Mrs. Nielsen; and Mr. Len Grant.

The Past Presidents of the Finnish Society are — Eino Linnala, John Rama, Veikko Salo, Tauno Salomaa, John Koivuneva, Paul Karvonen, Esko Salo, Sirkka Ristola, Anja Sahuri, and Heikki Sario.

And present at the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama, Mrs. Aira Salomaa, Mr. and Mrs. J. Koivuneva, Mr. and Mrs. P. Karvonen, Mr. and Mrs. V. Ristola, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri.

At 8:00 p.m. everyone was seated, and after O Canada and Maamme Laulu were played by

Miss Ulla Vesalainen, Pastor James Kruger said grace, and everyone enjoyed the Salmon Residence with Greens, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Vegetables in Mushroom Sauce, and Mint Ice Cream.

After dinner, our Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Sirkka Ristola, introduced some of the guests at the head table, and Mr. Sipari introduced the Past Presidents.

Finnish Consul, Christian Graefe, read greetings from Ambassador Niilo Pusa, and Mrs. Anja Sahuri spoke about the Finnish Society's past.

Catherine Chichak brought greetings from the Provincial Government. Other greetings were extended by Arne Johannessen, Consul of Norway; Per Nielsen, President of the Scandinavian Centre; John Rama, Honourary President of the Finnish Society; and from Calgary John Koivuneva, Past President.

Miss Heather Hauke sang two beautiful songs, accompanied by Miss Greta Hansen.

Three dances were performed by the Finnish Society folkdancers, and Mr. Graefe's address concluded the official program for the evening.

A telegram from Eino Linnala extending greetings to the Finnish Society was read.

A most enjoyable dance, to the music of Olaf Sveen and his orchestra, concluded the evening.

# LONG-TIME SHAREHOLDER DIES

Born in Eidsberg, Norway, on August 11, 1896, Carl Martin Finstad died at Edmonton on November 15, 1978, after a lengthy illness.

Carl attended school in Fredrikstad, Norway. As part of his military training he served in the King's Guard.

On February 10, 1919, Carl married Anna Kolstad in 'Rogne Kirke', Valdres, Norway. Emigrating to Canada in 1927, Carl was joined by his wife and three children in 1929. He served overseas with the Canadian Army for approximately four years.

Carl is survived by his wife, Anna; four sons, John, Roy and Jim, all of Edmonton, and George of Montreal; two daughters, Marion of Camrose and Irene of Vancouver; eighteen grandchildren; one great-grandson; one brother and three sisters in Norway. He was predeceased by his son, Arne, in 1942.

Funeral services were held at Our Saviour Church on November 18, 1978, with Rev. G. Christiansen officiating. Interment was in Beechmount Cemetery.

During the service his daughter, Marion, sang The

Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want. Pallbearers were his four sons, John, George, Roy and Jim Finstad.

He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Montgomery Branch, No. 24, Edmonton, and a long-time shareholder in the Scandinavian Centre.

#### Presentation

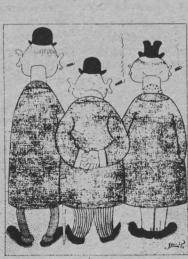
A presentation of Swedish books was made to Irene Suchowersky, Coordinator of Multilingual Biblioservice, which is located in the Edmonton Public Library, by Ray Nyroos, Chairman of Vasa Order of America, Skandia Lodge No. 549, Edmonton, and Linnea Lodge, Swedish representative on the Alberta Cultural Heritage Council.

Through the co-operation of the three levels of government, this library service is made available so that each ethnic group may borrow books in its own language.

# PIPES, JOKES AND DRAWINGS



Storm P. - a self-sketch.

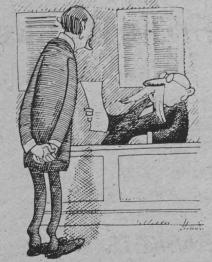


Every day a new sensation. Just imagine a day without a sensation!

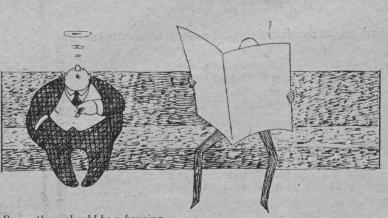
Yes - that would be a sensation!



So much for that Constitution Day.



You need a certificate certifying that you have a certificate for the certificate certifying you have a certificate.



Funny there should be a housing shortage - after all those thousands of people killed these past few years.

— and 4,500 pipes are now owned by a Storm P. foundation which has set up the new museum. Exhibitions are renewed at regular intervals. The humourist probably never anticipated all this interest by later generations, because, as he himself so aptly put it: "It's not so

self so aptly put it: "It's not so easy to prophesy — especially about the future."

# DANIA DOINGS

Edmonton, Alberta



by Lili Nielsen

#### New Year's Party a Sell-Out;

Dania held its annual New Year's Party on January 6th, and it was a huge success!

We were completely sold out (250 tickets) and could easily have sold another 25 to 30 tickets. We hope that the people who were not able to get tickets for the New Year's Party will be sure to come to our next dinner and dance being held on March 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kristensen of Fort Saskatchewan won the membership draw in the amount of \$25.00; this draw will continue to take place in the future.

We apologize for the slight confusion some of you might have experienced with the new way of table setting. The Centre just received their new round tables a few days before our party, and in our opinion they certainly look much better than the long tables we all know from the past. In the future we will take table reservations for everyone - just indicate how many people there will be in your party when you order your tickets and we will reserve the required seats for you.

We hope you will all enjoy this new way of doing it; it

Under the sunny skies of

Central Alberta with the Canadi-

an and Icelandic flags flying,

114 of a possible 125 family

members gathered to attend the

first reunion of the John and

Hola in 1891, and Dora's (nee

Johannson) to Tindastoll in 1897

districts to what is now known

1917 and developed a productive

farm in the Evarts District nine

miles north of Markerville where

All of the nine children and

All live in Alberta - Johanna

their spouses (excepting one )

they brought up nine children.

All Nine Live in Alberta-

took part in the reunion.

John and Dora married in

- both neighbouring school

John's family emigrated to

Dora Hillman family.

as Markerville District.

by June Parker

114 ATTEND REUNION

should certainly eliminate the problems you may have had in the past.

#### Whistdrives:

As in the past, our Whistdrives are being held on the second Tuesday of the month from September to April inclusive. They are held in the Dania Room at the Centre at 8:00 p.m. - coffee and cake are served after the game.

#### Next Party March 10:

Our next party will be held on March 10th in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre.

We have discussed the food possibilities with Borge Velling and have decided to try what we call 'Det Store Kolde Bord' -Scandinavian Smorgasbord.

There will be large variety of delicious Danish food such as leverpostej, frikadeller, flaeskestej, roast beef, tartar, etc., etc., with all the customary trimmings as well as Danish cheeses and fruits. There will also be a variety of herrings located on each table, as in the past.

Music will be by "The Sunrise", a band which was recommended that we try; it is in the same category as the Sound

Christiana and Barney

Eymundson, Flatbush; Clifford

and Deenie Hillman, Evarts;

Evelyn and John Johannson,

Spruceview; Elmer and Viola

Hillman, Markerville; Doris and

Wyman Campbell, Burdett;

Bernese and Bob Lewis, Spruce-

view; June and Jim Parker, St.

Albert; Marilyn and Ronald Bell,

and Dora Hillman live in Alberta

with the exception of one mar-

ried granddaughter in Victoria

and one married great-grandson

and his family in Kelowna, B.C.

'Ball Park' for Community Use-

until hers in 1973.

John lived on the farm until his death in 1963, and Dora

About four acres of their

farm was separated from the rest

by a municipal road, a creek, and

All the descendants of John

Merchants. We would like you to know that the bands we are hiring are fairly expensive, but we believe that you prefer to pay a little more for your tickets to have a good band, rather than pay less and receive less.

Tickets can be purchased either from Vera (454-5438) or Lili (435-5655) at a cost of \$12.00 per person. On this occasion only we are selling all the tickets at \$12.00 per person in order to encourage Dania members to invite their nonmember friends to come out and enjoy a typical Danish dinner and dance.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends on March

#### News Items:

Should any of you have news items you wish to have published, please forward them by mail or telephone to the Secretary, Lili Nielsen, and she will be happy to include them under Dania Doings.

have become nothing but a wasteland had not John and Dora turned it into a 'ball park' to be used as a picnic ground for school and community

It was here, on this ideally sheltered and secluded spot, that the majority of the 114 family members camped in tents, campers and motorhomes - from June 9 - 11 - so that they were close at hand for all the activities planned to help the cousins get acquainted.

The descendants ranged in age from a few weeks to 73 years!

#### Saturday a Full Day-

Friday evening was spent setting up camp, greeting the newcomers, visiting, coffeeing and enjoying the campfire.

Saturday was a full one with many planned and unplanned

For an hour in the morning some of the older family members with some teen-age helpers supervised all the children to age 10 in order to allow young parents the opportunity to get acquainted with one another.

Besides volleyball, horseshoes,

a variety of races, pony riding, hay-wagon rides, canoeing, fishing, picture-taking and singing, baseball seemed to be an all-day activity, along with coffeeing and

Marilyn and June (members of the Saga Singers in Edmonton) donned their Icelandic costumes and, with help from older family members, sang a few Icelandic songs.

One interesting game was 'The Blind Tractor Driver'. Blindfolded, the driver must rely on his mate to guide and direct him through a maze of obstacles. It was one time when a driver bad to listen to the back-seat-driver - or suffer the consequences of running into or over the obstacles! Lots of laughs.

More laughs followed when two family, members rose up from the river bank as scantilyclad barbaric Vikings.

Everyone enjoyed the evening feast - barbecuing their own meat and filling their plates with salads and sweets from the giant 'pot-luck' table.

After the meal clean-up the family hastened with their lawnchairs to the outdoor platform (on which were located two pieces of equipment vital to the weekend activities - a P.A. system and an electric organ) so they could take in the evening's entertainment before the approaching storm struck.

#### Sunday Close of Activities-

Sunday morning broke with sunshine which soon dried up the grounds.

The main activity of this day was the uniting of hearts and minds in a meditation hour with family members (associated with various churches - Baptist. Catholic, Lutheran, Mormon and United) providing the leadership in readings, prayers and singing.

Truly a good way to close a weekend of activities that had provided such a good time, full of excitement, wholesome fun and laughter!

By evening all the farewells had been made; the last of the campers had gone; and the 'ball park', bustling with activity and fun a few hours before, had now returned to its quiet, clean state.

# **AMBASSADORS OF SCANDINAVIAN MUSIC**

by Olaf Sveen

A group of some of Norway's best accordion players plan to make a tour of the northern United States, and perhaps Canada, next summer.

The group is sponsored by Scandinavian Airlines System, and the leader is Aage Grundstad.

Aage tells us that in October he took a group to Texas where they appeared in Dallas, Houston and El Paso: the tour was arranged by the Norwegian Socity of Texas.

Included in the group coming to America next summer are Sverre Cornelius Lund and Arnstein Johansen, concert artists who can play anything from Gubben Noa to the most intricate music arranged for the accordion.

Aage Grundstad specializes in traditional music and records for E.M.I.

I can safely say that everyone in the group belongs to the elite of Norwegian accordionplayers, and the variety of their music will provide something for everyone. They can all be called ambassadors for Norwegian and Scandinavian music and culture.

We are looking forward to seeing and hearing this group in Edmonton some day.

Aage Grundstad's address is Riiser-Larsensvei 10 1320 Stabekk Norway

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and Edward (absent) Day, Cal- the Medicine River. This might

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# As I See It ...

I have to eat my words — and it's a great pleasure to do so!

Someone out there is interested! We received sketches from two of our readers, and the Board is encouraged to hope that this is just the beginning

and many more are on the way.

With his submission Mr. Bak has stated that he would like to see some dimensions on the previous sketches. That is a difficult thing to do at the present time, especially for amateurs. What the Board really wants at this time is ideas — accompanied by only a rough sketch to clarify those ideas.

The Board appreciates those received from Mr. Bak and non-artist, Ninna Campbell.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT A SKETCH OF YOUR IDEA OF A NEW SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE; THE MORE IDEAS WE CAN GET, THE BETTER WE KNOW WHAT YOU WANT!

AS POUL BAK SEES IT .....

Mr. Bak finds Borge Velling's concept acceptable, but would re-arrange the basement area as shown below.

BASEMENT

SAUNA SAUNA SAUNA SAUNA SAUNA SAUNA FOOL ROOM

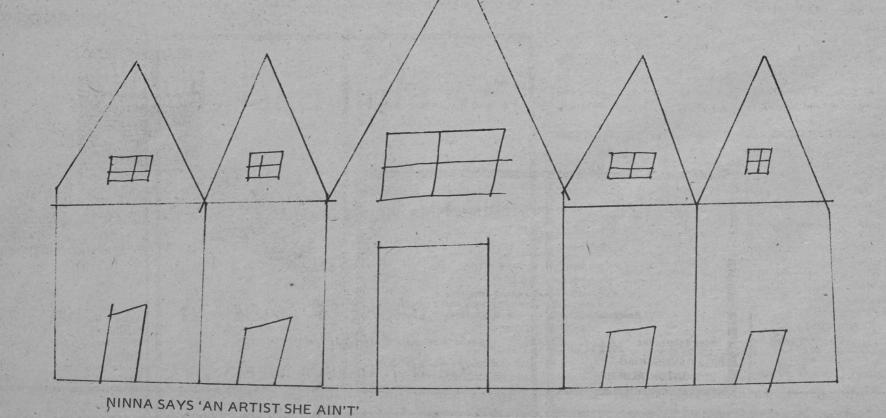
AS NINNA CAMPBELL SEES IT . . . .

I have often thought a new Centre could be designed as are the old houses in Iceland — the large room in the middle. Each group could have the upstairs room for meetings, etc. The main floor could be divided by sliding doors so that it could be used according to the size of the accommodation required, and

kitchen facilities could be at the back of the building.

The basement could have a large open fireplace in the middle of the floor with a library on one side and games room (perhaps sauna and swimming facilities) on the other.

The decor, of course, would be entirely Scandinavian.



# ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

Edmonton, Alberta

by Ninna Campbell

Hi everyone!

This current cold spell brings to mind 'the good old days' and the time our Grade I teacher informed us in Health class that there was a burning fire in our bodies all the time. One of the students stood up and said "Yes, I know. When it's a cold day I can see the smoke!"

The holiday season was filled with family reunions both here and abroad.

Berky Letourneau went to Hawaii - the McPhersons (Lorne and Lillian) to Regina - Jo Wetterberg and Agnes Benedictson travelled to Bangladesh (and

Christmas Greetings from

Around the World was presented

at Stony Plain on Friday night,

December 1st, to a very recep-

tive crowd in the Junior High

tainment a parade of flags of the

participating nations was formed

by young folk marching to the

piping of David Trew. The flags. were then set in stands to make

a colourful backdrop at the

Ukrainian and Chilean dancers,

and Russian, French, Spanish,

German and Icelandic singers.

The finale, Silent Night, was

sung by everyone there in the

On stage came Scottish,

To open the evening's enter-

by June Parker

School auditorium.

front.

we hope to have more on that trip next time) - Stefan and Gudrun Briem went to Calgary and Banff and enjoyed their Christmas in Canada.

Ingolfur and Trudy Bjarnason came up from Brandon, Manitoba, to spend Christmas with Al and Ninna Campbell, Niels and Gwen Bjarnason (Morinville) Hulda and Tom Yelic (Westlock).

Pearl Valgardson is currently

Christmas Greetings!

at daughter Donna-Rae's. Beulah Arason hosted a luncheon in her honour on Friday attended by members of the

language of his or her choice!

Displayed on tables and walls

at the sides and back of the

auditorium were the handicrafts

of the various participating eth-

nic groups, one of which was the

Children aged 6 - 15 repre-

sented the Icelandic Society in

their well-received dramatization

of the Jolasveinor - the 13

pesky 'little people' that Gryla

sends down from the mountains

to play tricks on people - one

each day starting 13 days before

before Christmas. The story was

narrated by Svannur Vilhjalms-

son and John Parker.

Edmonton Icelandic Society.

Jolasveinor Dramatized-

'Ladies' Group' of the Icelandic

Sigrun Vilhjalmsson had the

misfortune to fall while learning to skate and broke a bone in her foot. She is recovering nicely at

Christmas greetings were received from Ari and Sigrun Arnalds. Sigrun works four days a week at the Agricultural Research Station and one day a week at the University.

Ari works with the Telephone Company.

Little Steini is now attending

#### Icelandic Songs-

children switched character from the ugly mischievous folk to good-looking, well-mannered children carrying out their tradition of singing around the Christmas tree (imaginary this time). The three songs they sang so well in Icelandic were Nu

Thank you, young people, for doing a good job in representing our ethnic group at this evening of multinational-cultural entertainment. Your lives have no doubt been enriched for having been a part of it, and it is certain that you all enjoyed the M.C. puppeteer, Maralee Dawn, with her puppets, Butch and

Thank you also to the directors, Lillian McPherson (who also opened her home for practises), Nina Campbell, Solveig Vilhjalmsson and June Parker, as well as to the parents for their co-operation in getting their children to the practises.

After the dramatization the Skal Segja, Tvo Skref Til Hægri, and Gekk eg Yfir Sjo og Land.

# **Past Director Celebrates Birthday** John Rama 80 in December

John Rama, one of the first Directors of the Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association, celebrated his 80th birthday on December 22, 1978.

As well as being an active shareholder of the Scandinavian Centre, Mr. Rama is one of the founding members of the Finnish Society of Edmonton; he was president from 1954 to 1958, and has been an active member since that time. He is also the Honourary President of the Finnish Society and has been an Honourary Member since 1968.

Matti Johan Rama was born on December 22, 1898, in Sippola, Enajarvi, Finland. He came to Canada in 1924, landing at Halifax on April 13th of that

Bertha Maria Carlson and Matti John Rama were married on September 17, 1927, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary just over a year ago. They first lived on their farm at Goose Lake in a log house which they built themselves. They later moved to Edmonton to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rama have one daughter and three sons; they also have eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

It was a great pleasure to

honour John Rama on his 80th birthday when friends gathered together and presented him with a reclining rocking chair, flowers, cards, birthday cake, etc., at his home in Edmonton.

The evening was very enjoyable with singing and lots of fun. John Sahuri presented the git on behalf of everyone, and Pentti Sipari gave greetings on behalf of the Finnish Society. Veikko Kujala greeted Mr. Rama with memories of earlier days.

We take this opportunity to again with you all the best in the future, John.

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Shirley and Solli Sigurdson like Missouri - they report no snow, but cold weather (28 degrees Fahrenheit).

Grant is in Play School and taking lessons in violin, gymnastics and swimming; Ryan is now walking.

Hi Grant and Ryan!

broadcast.

Be sure to listen to Access Radio on February 18th when an Icelandic program will be

IMPORTANT DATE-Thorrablot - March 3rd Tickets are now available.



by Anja Sahuri

My sincere thanks to all my friends and relatives for remembering my birthday with gifts and flowers.

-- Helvi Rastas

A surprise house-warming party was held in honour of Urho Leino when many people gathered to wish him happiness in his new home.

Best wishes to you.

The annual handicraft and

bake sale was held on Sunday this year. The sale, was as usual, very successful.

On the same Sunday Sons of

Chris McNaughton has taken over as Membership Chairman from Gunnar Thorvaldson. His address is 13323 - 129 Street, Edmonton, T5L 1T9 - phone

Keep Smiling - Everyone will wonder what you've been up to!

Norway held their annual Lutefisk Supper, and the Finnish Society dancers performed three folk-dances for them.

Both the adult and children's Christmas Parties were held early in December. Fun was had by all, and Joulupukki was present during both occasions.

Finland's Independence Day was noted during the adult Christmas Party and some appropriate songs were sung.

During the evening the bursary from the Finnish Society was presented to Douglas Luopa - congratulations, Douglas!

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The annual meeting of the Finnish Society of Edmonton was held on January 21, 1979; a report of that meeting will be published in the next paper.

Deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Edward Guichon who passed away on December 13, 1978, at the age

Belated Birthday Wishes to a Past President of the Finnish Society, Mr. John Koivuneva, who celebrated his 50th birthday recently. Mr. and Mrs. Koivuneva live in Calgary.

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# YOU CAN'T IMAGINE

Christmas Supper on Village Square

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Dancing Around the Christmas Tree



by Bob Burt

Those of you who viewed the I.T.V. program Village Square on Sunday, December 17th cannot imagine the amount of work that went into the organizing and preparing for the Scandinavian Christmas presentation!

The requirements — an enormous amount of food, ten complete place settings, decorations, a complete cast — along with the program planning and preparation — resulted in a lot of work and a lot of time spent.

Bill Jackson of Village Square, with the help of Harv Haugen and Master of Ceremonies Per Nielsen, and the many people who so graciously agreed to participate, brought the viewers not only the bright Scandinavian costumes and customs, but a varied and appetizing display of the traditional Christmas dinners served in each of the five Nordic countries.

#### Iceland-

Icelandic Christmas was explained by Lucille Oddson, assisted by Solveig Vilhjalmsson and Ragnheidur Gunnarson.

Dinner consisted of smoked leg of lamb, flat brod, potatoes, green beans and peas, rice pudding with the hidden almond, pastries and strong coffee.

#### Finnish-

The Finnish dinner, explained by Ulla Vesalainen, consisted of baked ham, rye bread, turnip casserole made with syrup, honey and spices, potatoes, herring, beets, and beans with whipped cream over them. Dessert included fruit soup (raisins, prunes and apricots) and ginger Christmas tarts.

#### Danish-

Lili Nielsen explained the dishes included in the Danish Christmas dinner — roast duckling with apples and prunes, baked potatoes and gravy, red cabbage, and crab apple jelly.

Dessert was rice pudding with

a hidden almond, and the person who gets the almond wins the little marzipan pig. Special cookies are also served.

#### Norwegian-

Janette Burt explained that the Norwegian Christmas dinner consists of lutefisk (cod), flat brod, boiled potatoes, beet pickle and lefse.

As is the custom in Denmark rice pudding with a hidden almond is served next, with the marzipan pig being presented to the one who comes up with the almond.

In addition Jule Kake, fatigmann; rosettes and gora sand-bakelse are served.

#### Swedish-

Swedish Christmas dinner, as explained by Doreen Nyroos, is an extensive and delicious smorgasbord which includes ham, lutefisk, jellied meat, potatoes, onions, anchovies baked with cream, flat brod, rye bread, pickled herring, meat balls and brown beans.

Later Lucia buns, seven kinds of cookies, and Swedish spice cake are enjoyed.

#### Family Meal-

The children demonstrated the making of tree decorations, and the Swedish tradition of the Santa Lucia ceremony was beautifully performed with full costume, candles, and songs.

The complete family sat to enjoy a typical Scandinavian Christmas dinner, followed by dancing around the Christmas tree and Santa Claus coming with gifts for all.

The Freeloaders opened and closed the program as well as providing background music.

What a performance!

#### Tapes Available-

The Scandinavian Centre has purchased tapes of this program, and these can be borrowed for club showing, school or ethnic programs, by contacting the office.

# Prominent Westlock BUSINESSMAN DIES

Mr. Sven Albin Lindahl passed away suddenly at home on Saturday, December 23, 1978.

Mr. Lindahl was born in Smaland, Sweden, in 1902. In 1927 he emigrated to Canada, settling in Meeting Creek for a few years.

In 1932 he moved to Westlock, where he managed a general store.

He married Marie Miller of Strome in 1936. Together they built a flourishing and successful business, expanding in 1965 to become the present Lindah'l's Supermarket.

Mr. Lindahl was an active, enthusiastic citizen. He was a charter member of the original Lion's Club of Westlock and a life member of the present Elks' Lodge. He was an original member of the Advisory Board of the Immaculata Hospital on which he served for 24 years.

He served as a director of The Merco Wholesale Ltd. for 31 years, a position he held until the time of his death.

He was also a member of the Scandinavian Centre.

He generously supported many organizations in Westlock and district, and was especially interested in the Westlock and District Agricultural Society.

In 1969 Mr. and Mrs. Lindahl presented a parcel of land to the Town of Westlock for a park and as a site to house the local swimming pool for the perpetual enjoyment of the residents of Westlock and district. Today

this recreation area has been named *Lindahl Park*. It has been further developed by the Elks' Lodge of Westlock.

A man of many hobbies, Lindy (as he was known to many) gave untiringly of his time, sharing with hundreds of the area residents the products of two favourite pastimes — photography and travel—photography that brought to the screen scenes and places from Canada, Europe, Russia, the Orient and Hawaii.

Wednesday morning, December 27, 1978, from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Westlock where hundreds of relatives and friends gathered to pay their last respects to Lindy.

Father L.J. Morissette, Pastor, officiated, assisted by Father W. Laliberte of Boyle, who gave the eulogy.

Also present in the sanctuary were Father W. Young, Jarvie; Father M. Jal, O.M.I., Joussard; Father Malcolm Campbell, Ed-



S.A. Lindahl

Besides his loving wife, Marie, he is survived by three brothers and two sisters, as well as several nephews and nieces in Sweden, and a cousin in Kellogg, Idaho. In Canada he leaves many relatives and a host of friends, old and new, to whom he had truly endeared himself over the many years of his life in Westlock.

Funeral services were held

monton; and Father R. Guerin, Clyde.

Ten nephews acted as pallbearers.

A large gathering of Brother Elks from Westlock Lodge No. 330 was in attendance as a guard of honour, and they also paid their last respects at the graveside for their highly esteemed, departed Brother Elk.

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